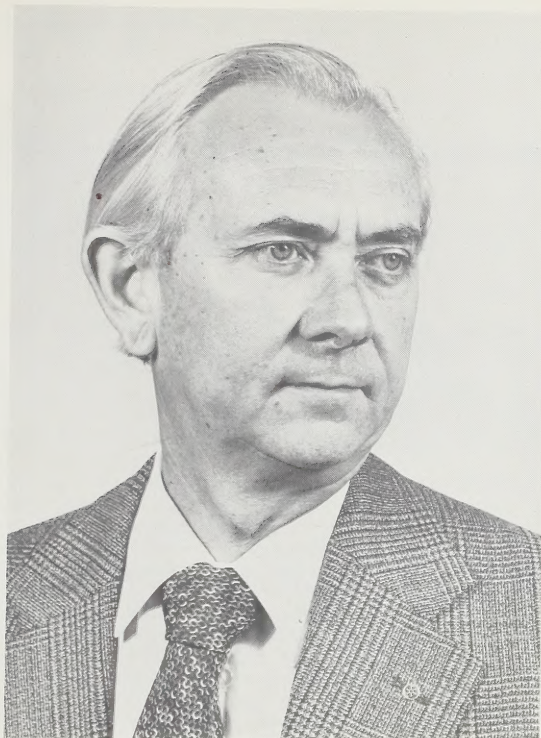




THIS VOLUME IS DEDICATED TO

BERNARD DE WINTER (1924— )

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(Director of the Botanical Research Institute, Pretoria)

He joined the Division of Botany and Plant Pathology in 1947 as a research assistant in charge of the grass collections of the National Herbarium, Pretoria. In 1950 he was seconded to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, as South African liaison officer. In 1959 he was appointed Officer-in-Charge of Botanical Survey in Pretoria and so began a long and distinguished career in botanical administration culminating in his appointment as Director of the Botanical Research Institute in 1973. His main contributions to South African botanical literature have been revisions of the South African Ebenaceae, Stipeae, Aristideae and *Eragrostis*. In all he has collected nearly 10 000 specimens. He is commemorated in the plant names *Kirkia dewinteri*, *Aloe dewinteri*, *Aristida dewinteri*, *Silene dewinteri* and others.

He has also been active in the affairs of several scientific societies, namely the South African Association for the Advancement of Science, the South African Biological Society and the South African Association of Botanists. He has served on the Council of these societies for many years and in each case also served a term as President. He was Secretary-General of AETFAT from 1978–1982 and played a major part in the organization and ultimate success of the 10th AETFAT Congress held in Pretoria in January 1982.